

patient information other than simply an identification number. Patient data could be extracted from the physician's office computer and other available data such as date and time could be added by the recording computer itself. A header data structure could also be added to the sound recording file to include other information about this particular examination.

Although this invention has been disclosed and illustrated with reference to a particular embodiment for medical examinations, the principles involved are susceptible for use in numerous other situations which will be apparent to persons skilled in the art.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic recording system comprising, in combination, means for recording and storing a multiplicity of data, said recorded and stored data being addressable for retrieval by means of an identification code which uniquely identifies said recorded and stored data, said identification code being capable of being printed on paper and being read electronically, in which electronic recording system, the reading of said identification code is required to begin recording of the data.

2. An electronic recording system as set forth in claim 1 in which said recorded and stored data is in the form of a sound recording.

3. An electronic recording system as set forth in claim 1 wherein said identification code is a bar code.

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4. An electronic recording system as set forth in claim 1 wherein said recording data is a sound recording and wherein the paper on which the identification code is printed contains written notes representing in graphic form the content of the sound recording.

5. An electronic recording and storage system comprising, in combination, means for recording data and means for storing data in computer mass memory, said data being addressed for location and playback by way of an identification code, said identification code being comprised of unique numbers and capable of being printed on paper and being read electronically, and said reading of said identification code being required to begin recording and storage of said data.

6. An electronic recording and storage system as set forth in claim 5 wherein said recorded data is a sound recording.

7. An electronic recording and storage system as set forth in claim 5 in which said identification code is a bar code.

8. A system for recording and storage of data with corresponding summary notes written on paper comprising means for identifying and correlating marks on written summary notes with electronically recorded and stored data, means for reading and identifying marks on notes written on paper as an identification code, means under control of said computer to begin recording of sound to said computer's mass storage upon receipt of said

identification code, and means for identifying said recording of sound with said identification code on summary notes written on paper.

9. A system for coordinating and correlating sound recordings of meetings or transactions and notes written on paper taken during said meeting or transaction, comprising, in combination, a pick-up and control unit including at least one microphone device for picking up sound in the meeting room and a bar code with reader for reading identifying marks placed on note paper, a sound recording and storage device, said sound recording and storage device having means to identify the sound recorded and stored data with the notes written on paper.